

ENJOY DANCING SPECIAL ENTERTAINMENT: SURFSIDE JUBILEE

Special Events presented FREE. SURFSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER 7 P.M. – 10 P.M.

Thursday, April 8th: Jewish Cultural Celebration: featuring comedian Danny Tadmore

Sunday, May 9th: Mother's Day Show: "Best of Broadway"

Sunday, June 20th: Father's Day Show: "Roman Festival"

Sunday, July 4th: Independence Day Program

Friday, August 13th: South American Fiesta

Monday, September 6th: Labor Day Event: "Spirit of Aloha"

Monday, October 11th: Comedy Night: featuring Marty Burals and Jerry Leader

Thursday, November 18th: Surfside Stars Show

Friday, December 31st: New Year's Eve Celebration

SPECIAL ADDED ATTRACTION: "The Poppy Orchestra"

For further information call (305)866-3635 or (305)864-0722. Presented by the Surfside Tourist Board in honor of Surfside Tourists and Residents

**SURFSIDE GARDEN CLUB**

The Surfside Garden Club will honor Mayor Tim Will at their annual springtime luncheon on May 11, 2004, at 12 noon at the Oceanside Plaza (Mezzanine), 5555 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach, Florida.

Call Gilda at (305)865-7276 or Georgia at (305)673-4055 for reservations and information.

**COMMISSION MEETING TUESDAY APRIL 13, 2004 at 8:00 pm**

**TOWN COMMISSION**

TIMOTHY WILL.....Mayor  
RUBEN COTO .....Commissioner  
ORESTES JIMENEZ .....Commissioner  
STEVEN LEVINE.....Commissioner  
FRANK MACBRIDE .....Commissioner  
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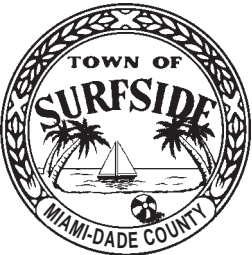
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**SURFSIDE'S NEW TOWN COMMISSION**

Following Surfside's recent municipal elections, the newly elected Town Commission was sworn into office by outgoing Mayor Paul Novack. The Town Commission is now composed of Mayor Tim Will and Commissioners Frank MacBride, Orestes Jimenez, Ruben Coto, and Steve Levine.

Mayor Timothy R. Will has, for the last 11 years, been involved in public service to our community. He served this past year as Vice Mayor, four years before that as a Town Commissioner, and six years before that as Chairman and member of the Town's Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Will, 55, recently concluded his career as a high-tech executive, and now teaches high school for Miami-Dade County. He is multi-lingual and is a veteran of both the U.S. Army and the Peace Corps. Mr. Will has a Masters Degree in City and Regional Planning from Ohio State University. Mr. Will and his wife, the former Eleanor Blanco, have lived in Surfside for 13 years. They have a daughter, a senior at Georgia Tech who will be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy upon graduation, and a son who is a junior in the Scholars' Academy at Miami Beach Senior High School.

Commissioner Frank MacBride Jr. has lived in Surfside for many years and has served two terms on the Town Commission. Mr. MacBride has served as Vice-Chair on Surfside's Planning and Zoning Board and actively participates in the Miami-Dade County League of Cities. He is the Chairperson for the Surfside Recreation Advisory Committee and he coordinated the 2003 "Family Fun Day" events at Surfside Park. He is an Assistant Principal in the Miami-Dade County Public School System and holds a Masters of Science Degree and Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education. As a parent, teacher and administrator, Mr. MacBride has been

involved in education and youth programs for 24 years. Mr. MacBride has served in numerous roles with the Boy



Scouts of America including 8 years as Cub Master for Cub Scout Pack 320. He and his wife Randi and two sons have been involved in many volunteer roles in our community's schools.

Commissioner Ruben Coto is a 15 year resident of Surfside. Mr. Coto has devoted time to the community in roles with the Boy Scouts of America, the North Miami Beach Optimist Little League, and as a member of the Town of Surfside Recreation Advisory Committee. Mr. Coto's formal education includes a degree from Martin Technical College in Dental Technology as well as Political Science course work at Miami-Dade Community College. His career in the workforce also provides a background in the vocational and professional arenas. Mr. Coto has held professional positions as an Instructor, as the owner of a small business, and as a Loan Officer at various financial institutions. Mr. Coto is a financial planner with expertise and certifications in mortgages and related areas. He has been married for the past 14 years to the former Ms. Lea Baruch. They have two sons, and their family has been active in community projects and programs.

Commissioner Steven Levine was born in

Brooklyn, New York in 1956. A graduate of James Madison High School in 1974 and Brooklyn College in 1978, he earned a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami School of Law in 1981. Mr. Levine was in private practice for two years before joining the Miami-Dade County Public Defender's Office. He now serves as an Assistant Public Defender in the Felony Division. Mr. Levine is married to Elizabeth Levine, the former Elizabeth Borrota, and they have three children, 13, 12 and 8. Mr. Levine has also served as Cub Master of Cub Scout Pack 320. As an attorney, he has served on the Florida Bar Grievance Committee.

Commissioner Orestes J. Jimenez, a Surfside resident for more than twenty years, was born in Cuba and immigrated to the U.S. at an early age during the "Pedro Pan" Airlift. Retired from Cordis/Johnson & Johnson, Mr. Jimenez



and his wife of thirty-eight years, Maria Conchita, have a son, a daughter, and five grandchildren. Mr. Jimenez has served as a member of the Surfside Planning and Zoning Board. As a parishioner of St. Joseph Church, he has been an Assistant Scout Master, devoting time to the area's youth and has performed charitable work for the March of Dimes and other South Florida organizations.

A MESSAGE FROM THE NEW MAYOR

On behalf of the Commission, I would like to extend my gratitude to the people of Surfside for their trust. It was a tough campaign and in our conversations with the citizens, we learned many things.

As you read this, plans are underway to advertise, interview and hire a full time Town Building Official who may be the nucleus of a future Surfside Building Department. Similarly, we will be hiring a Community Programs Coordinator who will be dedicated to the Town's expanded recreational activities.

In April, in conjunction with DERM, Team Surfside will be participating in the Baynanza Beach Clean-up. We will need volunteers to join Team Surfside to clean the beach. Additionally, in June, DERM and Team Surfside will sponsor the donation of 4,000 trees for planting within Surfside. Similarly, Team Surfside volunteers will be needed for a variety of chores. More information on the trees will be provided in the May newsletter.

Many residents have asked me as to the status of the beach dune project. Fortunately, to continue with the next phase, the re-planting of native species of plants, the wait is for the rainy season so that expensive irrigation is not required. Upon the onset of the almost daily rains, native species of Sea Oats, Sea Grapes and other varieties will be planted under a DERM project that has been in the works for some time.

Several other physical construction projects have been put in motion. I'll wait until next month to announce them.

Suffice to say that we are on board, getting up to speed and serving the public. We are easy to contact.  
**Call Town Hall at (305)861-4863 or send an e-mail to surfside@bellsouth.net**

Tim Will

SURFSIDE COMMISSION HIGHLIGHTS

1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

The Town Manager reported that, pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Charter, the Town Commission needs to select a Town Commissioner to serve on the Canvassing Board for the upcoming municipal election. The Town Commission passed a motion selecting Commissioner Manero to serve on the Canvassing Board for this month's municipal election.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

The Town Manager reported that Vice Mayor Will had coordinated with Miami-Dade County for the staging of the Adopt-A-Tree Program to be held in June in the Town. He reported that approximately 4,000 trees will be available for the residents at the rate of 2 trees per household.

The Town Manager reported on the status of the dune restoration project on the beach. He reported that Miami-Dade County DERM will be planting native vegetation on the dunes and will be replacing the wood fencing on the beach with roped areas.

The Town Manager reported on the delivery of the equipment for the water theme park at the Community Center.

2. The Town Commission passed an ordinance, on first

reading, amending the Code of the Town of Surfside, by deleting Section 90-91, Variances generally, in its entirety and adopting a new Section 90-91, Variances.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

3. The Town Commission passed an ordinance, on first reading with certain conditions, amending Section 90-184 (1) of the Code of the Town of Surfside providing and granting a variance insofar as Lot 9 and east \_ Lot 8, Block 28, Normandy Beach 2nd Amended, Plat Book 16, Page 44, also known as 940 88th Street, Surfside, Florida, is concerned, to permit the installation of a boatlift on an existing boat dock with a total water ward projection of twenty-nine (29) feet, five (5) inches, where the projection is limited to twenty (20) feet.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

4. The Town Commission passed a resolution endorsing and recommending passage of the "Florida Hometown Democracy" Amendment to the Florida Constitution.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

5. The Town Commission passed a motion allocating \$10,000 in funding to continue the youth concert series and the Kids Club activities.  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS**

RECREATION NEWS

The Game Room for kids is now open at the Community Center, and all residents are encouraged to stop by and check out the fun and games that are there for children's enjoyment. Days and hours of operation are being expanded, and additional new programs are on the way.

The Recreation Advisory Committee, appointed by the Town Commission, is working under the leadership of its Chairman Commissioner Frank Macbride along with newly elected Mayor Tim Will. The Committee and Town recreation staff are working on a package of new programs, expanded hours at recreation facilities, and other enhancements that will soon be implemented.

The equipment for the Water Play Area has arrived and construction will begin shortly. The particular pieces of equipment were all selected by the Surfside Kids Club, which has taken a leading role in all decisions on the project. There have also been a series of public hearings, and input has been received from parents and many residents of the community. The Water Play Area will be a major enhancement to the Community Center and will be operational before summer.

A teen rock and roll concert show is being planned for April 30th, and details are being finalized at this time. The Surfside Kids Club is also planning to host a meeting and another major public service project for the very near future.

To get onto the list to receive flyers and notices about special events, please contact the Recreation Department office at (305)866-3635.

SUMMER CAMP 2004

Plans are now underway for summer camp 2004 for children ages 6 – 12 or going to be 6 by December 31, 2004, upon presentation of a birth certificate and having been in pre-school.

Registration for Surfside residents will be May 4th through May 17th.

If you are interested in receiving information regarding our summer camp program, call the Recreation Department at (305)866-3635 to leave your name and address.

COMMUNITY CENTER – GAME ROOM

The Game Room at the Community Center is open Fridays 3 – 6 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. for ages 11 and older. Children under 11 years old must be accompanied by an adult. A RESIDENT ID CARD MUST BE PRESENTED. The room is equipped with a hockey table, foosball table, ping-pong, basketball toss and board games.

CHILDREN CLASSES/ACTIVITIES

The Town of Surfside will be offering the following providing the demand warrants it:

GYMNASTICS – Ages: 4-6 & 7-9  
ARTS & CRAFTS – Ages: 3-5 (including Story time) 6 & up  
MOMMY & ME – Ages: 1 & 2

In addition to our daytime classes, we will be offering ADULT CLASSES in the evening, if the demand warrants it, as follows:

YOGA – PILATES

Call the Surfside Recreation Department at (305)866-3635 to leave your name and address, plus your telephone number if you are interested in any of the above activities.